EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

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DOCKET NO.: 2007-0450-LII-E **TCEQ ID:** RN103268900

CASE NO.: 33190

RESPONDENT NAME: Larry Skero

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SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: 105 Riverbend Lane, Kingsland, Llano County TYPE OF OPERATION: Landscape irrigation business SMALL BUSINESS: Yes X No OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location. INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter. COMMENTS RECEIVED: The Texas Register comment period expired on July 30, 2007. No comments were received. CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Clinton Sims, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-6933; Mr. Steven Lopez, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1896 Respondent: Mr. Larry Skero, 105 Riverbend Lane, Kingsland, Texas 78639-3773 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter						

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART: CORRECTIVE ACTIONS VIOLATION INFORMATION PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN/REOUIRED **Ordering Provisions:** Type of Investigation: Total Assessed: \$262 Complaint The Order will require the Respondent to: Routine Total Deferred: \$52 Enforcement Follow-up X Expedited Settlement a. Immediately upon the effective date of X Records Review this Agreed Order, cease advertising to the Financial Inability to Pay public that you can perform a service for Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this which a license is required until properly Case: None SEP Conditional Offset: \$0 certified in accordance with the requirements of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE ch. Date of Investigation Relating to this Total Paid to General Revenue: \$210 1 2727 30 30; and Case: February 27, 2007 Site Compliance History Classification b. Within 15 days after the effective date Date of NOE Relating to this Case: High ___ Average __ Poor of this Agreed Order, submit written March 8, 2007 (NOE) certification as described below, and Person Compliance History Classification include detailed supporting documentation Background Facts: This was a routine __ High ___ Average __ Poor including photographs, receipts, and/or records review. One violation was other records to demonstrate compliance Major Source: Yes X No documented. with Ordering Provision a. WATER Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 Failure to refrain from using or attempting to use the license of someone else who is a licensed irrigator or licensed installer and failure to refrain from advertising or representing themselves to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless they possess a current license or registration, as documented during a record review conducted on February 27, 2007. Specifically, the Respondent referenced "Licensed Irrigator #4617" in an advertisment for Blue Water Irrigation & Landscape, while advertising "Irrigation Systems, Sprinkler Systems, Landscaping & Design, Landscape Lighting, Full Lawn Maintenance, Tree Trim & Removal, Larry Skero" which was circulated in the Marble Falls area wide newspaper in Burnet County [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 30.5(b), 344.58(b), Tex. Water Code § 37.003, and Tex. Occupations Code 1903.251]

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Compliance History Worksheet

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Compliance History

Rating:

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Site Rating:

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN601789522 SKERO, LARRY Classification: Regulated Entity: RN103268900 SKERO, LARRY Classification: ID Number(s): LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION LICENSING LICENSE Location: 105 Riverbend Ln, Kingsland, TX, 78639 TCEQ Region: **REGION 12 - HOUSTON** Date Compliance History Prepared: March 23, 2007 Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement Compliance Period: March 23, 2002 to March 23, 2007 TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History Name: Clinton Sims Phone: (512)239-6933 Site Compliance History Components 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period? No 3. If Yes, who is the current owner? N/A 4. if Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)? N/A 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur? N/A Components (Multimedia) for the Site: Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government. N/A В. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government. N/A C. Chronic excessive emissions events. D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) N/A E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) Date: 01/12/2007 (536213)Self Report? Classification: Major Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 344, SubChapter C 344.58(b) Description: Failure by a person to refrain from representing themselves to the public as a holder of a current license while using the license of another licensed landscape irrigator. Self Report? NO Classification: Major Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 30, SubChapter A 30.5(b) Description: A person may not advertise or represent themselves to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless they possess a current license or registration. F. Environmental audits. G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs). N/A

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2007-0450-LII-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its ______ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Larry Skero ("Mr. Skero") under the authority of Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 37 and Tex. Occupations Code ch. 1903. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and Mr. Skero appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

- 1. Mr. Skero is an unlicensed irrigator and owns and operates a landscape irrigation business at 105 Riverbend Lane in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas.
- 2. TCEQ has general authority to regulate the design and installation of landscape irrigation systems, and the licensing of landscape irrigators and installers, pursuant to Tex. Occupations Code ch. 1903.
- 3. The Commission and Mr. Skero agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that Mr. Skero is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. Mr. Skero received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about March 13, 2007.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by Mr. Skero of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$262) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). Mr. Skero has paid Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$210) of the administrative penalty and Fifty-Two

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Dollars (\$52) is deferred contingent upon Mr. Skero's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If Mr. Skero fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require Mr. Skero to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and Mr. Skero have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
- 9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that Mr. Skero has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As an unlicensed irrigator, Mr. Skero is alleged to have failed to refrain from using or attempting to use the license of someone else who is a licensed irrigator or licensed installer and failure to refrain from advertising or representing themselves to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless possessing a current license or registration, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 30.5(b) and 344.58(b), Tex. Water Code § 37.003, and Tex. Occupations Code § 1903.251, as documented during a record review conducted on February 27, 2007. Specifically, Mr. Skero referenced "Licensed Irrigator #4617" in an advertisment for Blue Water Irrigation & Landscape, while advertising "Irrigation Systems, Sprinkler Systems, Landscaping & Design, Landscape Lighting, Full Lawn Maintenance, Tree Trim & Removal, Larry Skero" which was circulated in the Marble Falls area wide newspaper in Burnet County.

III. DENIALS

Mr. Skero generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

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IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that Mr. Skero pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and Mr. Skero's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations, which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Larry Skero, Docket No. 2007-0450-LII-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. It is further ordered that Mr. Skero shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease advertising to the public that you can perform a service for which a license is required until properly certified in accordance with the requirements of 30 Tex. ADMIN. Code ch. 30; and
 - b. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a.

The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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Irrigators Section Manager Houston Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H Houston, Texas 77023-1486

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Mr. Skero.
- 4. If Mr. Skero fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Mr. Skero's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. Mr. Skero shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Mr. Skero shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Mr. Skero becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Mr. Skero shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Mr. Skero receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against Mr. Skero in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 7. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
- 8. Under 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to Mr. Skero, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to Mr. Skero, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	
For the Executive Director	7/25/07 Date
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Tany Dev Signature	5-8-07 Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Larry Skero	Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.



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